

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 19 stand allowed. Claim 14 is held to include allowable subject matter. Claim 14 has been amended to independent form, including the features of its base claim. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 14 be withdrawn.

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO form 1449 on April 5, 2005 by mailing via Express Mail. Since the Information Disclosure Statement includes a statement in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (e)(1) and was filed prior to the mailing date of the final Office Action on April 6, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement in the next communication to the Applicant. A courtesy copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO form 1449, and the United States Patent & Trademark Office's (USPTO) postcard receipt is enclosed with this paper.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11-13, 15, 17, and 20, which stand rejected, are canceled by this amendment. Therefore all pending claims are allowable.

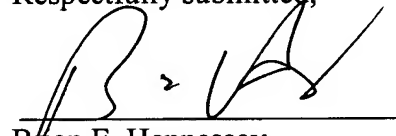
Applicant hereby acknowledges the Examiner's reasons for indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully notes that there may be additional reasons for indication of allowable subject matter that have not been specifically cited, and which may apply to various of the allowable claims, in addition to or instead of the cited Reasons. Applicant respectfully suggests that notwithstanding the Examiner's reasons for indication of allowable subject matter, it is believed that each of the allowable claims is patentable in its own right and/or for other reasons raised during the prosecution and/or explained in the specification of this application.

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To the extent that any statements regarding patentability of any claims allowed by the Examiner made by the Applicant or the Examiner in any document filed in this application are inconsistent with or not included in the Examiner's reasons for indication of allowable subject matter, they are incorporated by reference herein.

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Respectfully submitted,



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